**Golden Quadrilateral Project**

*52. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Rs. 34,300 crores Golden Quadrilateral (GQ) Project linking the four metros and other major cities across thirteen States is likely to be delayed by a year;

(b) if so, the details of progress of work that has been done, so far; and

(c) the amount of money spent so far and by when the pending work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) The approved cost of the Golden Quadrilateral (GQ) Project is Rs. 25,055 crores (at 1999 prices). A sum of Rs. 20,115 crores has been spent up to 31st January 2005. The Project is likely to be substantially completed by December 2005. The status of the Project as on 31st January 2005 is as under:

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| Total Length | : | 5846 kms |
| Completed | : | 4480 kms |
| Under implementation | : | 1366 kms |

**Rates of minimum wages**

*†53. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are different rates of wages for different types of work in the country;

(b) if so, the rate of minimum wages during 2003-04 in the country indicating the areas and nature of work for which the minimum wages are paid;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.